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## **Discover Holiday Gifts at Old Town**

San Diego - **Old Town San Diego State Historic Park**, just minutes from downtown and an option to the busy malls, offers a number of high quality unique gifts at reasonable prices in a quaint historic setting. Shoppers are offered a glimpse into yesteryear, where life moves more slowly in this part of town, and where the holiday hustle and bustle is balanced with history and fiestas. Special this December is a variety of events that offer visitors and shoppers the opportunity to experience the history of early San Diego.

As part of Holiday in the Park, Old Town and the local community will be adorned with holiday decorations, lantern-lit museums, wagon rides, festive music, carolers, and popular holiday performance tours will be available. Events kick off on Friday, December 10 with a Victorian Tea at the Cosmopolitan & Bonfire in the Plaza, Saturday, December 11 with the Historic Merchants Open House, and December 12 with the 60<sup>th</sup> year of Las Posadas.

Within the State Historic Park, there are over forty specialty shops, offering products such as candles, decorative tin, jewelry, gems and minerals, ladies fine goods, cigars and pipe tobaccos, old time music, coffee, teas, spices, leather goods, pottery, native American hand crafts, and books. The State Historic Park also has a Park Store offering a variety of crafts and other related products, with proceeds going to the Boosters of Old Town, directly supporting the park's educational programs

If you work up an appetite strolling through the shops, the menus of five restaurants offer traditional Mexican and American foods, including children's menus. To keep the kids of all ages busy, tours are offered daily, and there are a variety of museums including the 1830s mansion La Casa de Estudillo, La Casa de Machado y Silvas, San Diego's earliest newspaper office, the McCoy House Interpretive Center, a working blacksmith shop, and the Seeley Stables, with newly rehabilitated exhibits on overland transportation and one of the finest wagon and carriage collections.

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park is conveniently located next to the Old Town Transit Center with Coaster, Amtrak, Trolley, and MTS bus service.

For a list of stores, events, or additional information, contact Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, at [www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego](http://www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego), or phone 619-220-5422. Additional event information available at [www.fiestadereyes.com](http://www.fiestadereyes.com).